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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Makoto JINNO

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

**Reference AA on Form 1449:**

This reference shows a wrist mechanism of master slave manipulator for laparoscopic surgery. But this is not a master slave combined manipulator. (Fig. 1 and Fig. 5)

**Reference AO (JP 2000-350735) on Form 1449:**

This reference shows our concept design of a master slave combined manipulator for laparoscopic surgery. (Fig. 1)

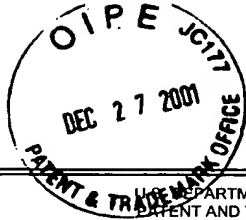
**Reference AP (JP 8-173442) on Form 1449:**

This reference shows a master slave manipulator for laparoscopic surgery. But the components are different from our design. (Fig. 1)

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,797,900	08/25/98	Akhil J. MADHANI, et al.			
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	AO	2000-350735	12/19/2000	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AP	8-173442	07/09/96	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
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